GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:456
ANSWERED ON:02.12.2004
TELECASTING OF DOORDARSHAN PROGRAMMES
Gadakh Shri Tukaram Gangadhar

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government is planning to phase out terrestrial transmission of Doordarshan Programmes ;

(b) whether expansion of TV coverage will be through satellite transmission in KU band only;

(c) if so, whether it is compulsory for viewers to take DTH connection to watch Doordarshan Programme;

(d) whether the Government is aware that it will be burdensome for poor people at villages to afford DTH service which is in the range of Rs. 3000/- above;

(e) if so, the alternative for poor people to receive doordarshan programmes in remote areas ; and

(f) the channels available in the bouquet of 30 TV channels which are available through DTH?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) New terrestrial transmitters are not envisaged to be set up for expansion of TV coverage, except for North East Region and Island Territories.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) No, Sir. Doordarshan signals can still be received both in terrestrial and satellite modes.

(d) & (e) With the increase in demand for Ku Band systems, the price of these sets is expected to come down further. However, there is no compulsion for people to buy these sets as they can continue to receive DD programmes through terrestrial transmission/cable service.

(f) Details of channels available in the bouquet of Doordarshan`s Ku Band service are given in the Annexure.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 456 FOR ANSWER ON 02.12.2004

DD Direct + Bouquet of channels

Doordarshan channels	Radio (AIR) channels
1 DD 1 National	1 AIR Vividh Bharati
2 DD News	2 AIR Telugu
3 DD Sports	3 AIR Marathi
4 DD Bharati	4 AIR Tamil
5 DD Gyan Darshan	5 AIR Gujarati
6 DD India	6 AIR Kannada
7 DD Bangla	7 AIR Bangla
8 DD Chandana	8 AIR Hindi
9 DD Gujarati	9 AIR North East
10 DD Kashir	10 AIR Punjabi
11 DD Malayalam	11 FM Rainbow
12 DD North East	12 FM Gold
13 DD Oriya	
14 DD Podhigai	
15 DD Punjabi	

16 DD Sahyadri
17 DD Saptagiri

Private TV channels

18 Akash Bangla
19 Kairali
20 Jain TV
21 Aaj Tak
22 Headlines Today
23 ETC Punjabi
24 Zee Music
25 MH One
26 Smile TV
27 BBC World
28 Sun TV
29 CNN
30 Star Utsav